

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

September 20, 2010

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

After a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present:

Maria Klemack-McGraw Ted Berry Steve Bennett

1. President Berry announced that Mr. Grinch asked to be excused for a family trip out of town and Ms. Albright asked to be excused to attend her Homeowner's Association meeting.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved to excuse Mr. Grinch; seconded by President Berry.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved to excuse Ms. Albright; seconded by President Berry

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

2. Mr. Bennett moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

3. The Chair read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair recognized Mr. Bennett, Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-56-10 (Appropriate \$63,900.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Gardens @ Gantz Park Herbal Grove and Labyrinth Expansion Project) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Charlotte Lowry, Volunteer of Gantz Park, voiced support for this ordinance. She said they have donated over \$15,000.00 from their fundraisers to the gardens. They are conducting extra fundraisers this year, with all proceeds going to the expansion efforts. She said this is an on-going support from the Volunteer Organization for Gantz Park.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw voiced excitement about the rain garden, which has already started. Ms. Conrad, Dir. of Parks and Rec., said they have this as part of the expansion, but received a grant from Wal-Mart and was able to get one in this year.

Mayor Stage commented that he is disappointed that the Administration had to come to Council for this appropriation. He said they requested some financial support from the Visitor's and Convention Bureau twice and were denied. He said the VCB assisted with the original development of the Gardens. He said it is the third highest destination point in Grove City. He said he never heard anything from the first request and found out the second request did have a vote, but there was no funding. He said this is one of the highest appealing areas for bringing people into the City, yet we are getting no help from the organization that is set up to bring people to Grove City.

Mr. Bennett stated that the original project was estimated at \$150,000.00. This asks for \$63,000.00 to offset that total. He asked if the \$15,000.00 donation would be used to offset the total or if they would be used for additional enhancements. Mr. Honsey said the total is \$213,000.00 and the donations will be used to defray the gap between the appropriation and the total cost. They will go into the overall cost.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

2. Resolution CR-51-10 (Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Honsey, City Administrator, stated that this is setting up the tax rates for next year. It is a formality. This shows no increase and will keep the rates the same as last year.

Mayor Stage commented that we have 7 mills available and we have not used this and have lowered them in some years. He said the City has managed to keep these rates even and flat.

President Berry asked if the Resolution needs to be amended to remove the two members who are absent. Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, said yes, they should be removed.

President Berry moved to amend the Resolution to removed Mr. Grinch and Ms. Albright from the body of the resolution; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Bennett, in the absence of Ms. Albright, Chairman of Safety, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-58-10 (Enact Section 337.31 of the Codified Ordinances titled Loud Noise from a Motor Vehicle) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bennett asked about motorcycles noise. Mr. Smith said this isn't meant to punish people operating vehicles that make noise within their normal operation. He said motorcycles are specifically defined, but when it talked about the prohibition, it doesn't include motorcycles. He said this is intended to focus on noises other than the normal operation of a vehicle, such as the radio. He said we already have a noise ordinance. This allows a ticket to be written under the traffic code rather than the criminal code, which will help officers take care of the issue as it occurs.

Mayor Stage commented that if someone is firing up their vehicle in a way that becomes noisy, they would get a ticket. Mr. Smith said there is always an "unreasonable" factor. The officer always has discretion in issuing a ticket. Additional concerns were shared. Chief Wise noted that we have an exhaust ordinance that addresses these other concerns.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

The Chair recognized Ms. Klemack-McGraw, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-59-10 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Seating for Donerick's Pub & Grill located at 5919 Hoover Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Eric Woodland, owner, was present to answer any questions. Ms. Klemack-McGraw reviewed the 5 stipulations set by Planning Commission. Mr. Woodland agreed to all of them.

There being no additional questions or comments, Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

2. Resolution CR-49-10 (Grant an Exceptional Circumstance for 4 Beans Enterprises/Weiging Chiropractic located at 3870 Broadway, making it eligible for the Town Center Commercial Revitalization Grant Program) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Janie Weiging, applicant, was present. She said this has nothing to do with the Chiropractic business. She said they acquired this property and started renovating it from the inside & replaced all the HVAC units. Then they started on the outside. They have spent \$40,000.00 on it so far. The Chiropractic office has moved out and a new tenant is in the building. There are a few additional exterior issues needed to make it better and help them market it to a tenant with higher traffic. One item is an ADA ramp. They have about \$10,000.00 to put up but hoped Council could assist a little in order to complete the exterior improvements and attract a service business with a higher volume of people in and out of the property.

Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Boso how this relates to the grant Program monies. Mr. Boso said this application was included in their estimates for the latest request for funding.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw asked how they meet three of the five special circumstances. Ms. Weiging said by completing these items, they believe they can attract a service-oriented professional that will bring more traffic and provide a service to the Town Center.

Mr. Berry questioned if the space is unoccupied. Ms. Weiging said it is occupied until Jan. 1. Mr. Berry questioned how this applicant meets three of the special circumstances. He suggested that they reapply after they have an occupant that would meet the criteria. Mr. Bennett asked if they have anyone ready to lease to after January 1. Ms. Weiging said no. After further discussion, she indicated that she would be willing to delay this application until they had a different tenant.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Berry moved it be postponed to 10/18/10; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

3. Resolution CR-52-10 (Support Lamplighter Senior Housing LLC in conjunction with Frontier Community Services to develop and construct an affordable housing development) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. John LeVally, Director of Acquisitions for LW Assoc., with him is Todd Bell. He offered to answered any questions.

Mayor Stage commented that if he sees the request having problems in the process, let him know. He has written a letter of support and will be happy to help.

There being no additional questions or comments, Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

The Chair asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.

1. Ms. Angela Waters asked that the three-way stop be kept at the intersection of Sapphire Dr. & Buckeye Parkway. She noted that she and other residents met with Mr. Wayslik, Director of Safety, and Capt. Robinette today. She said they met years ago to find a solution to their traffic concerns. The former Administration chose the 3-way stop sign. She stated her accreditations and said this meets the definition of a collector street. She believes this intersection is an exception and should be allowed to remain. If it cannot, she asked that it remain until another solution can be found.
2. Mr. Greg Martin, resident on Sapphire Dr., voiced opposition to the removal of this stop sign. He said it was installed to calm the traffic and wonders what has changed in the last two years. He feels it is an inexpensive fix to a safety issue and protects the children in the area. He said if it is removed, he wants to know what will be done to replace it with an alternative. He shared a picture of an additional sign that goes below the speed limit sign that says "no need to speed". He suggested using this.

Mr. Bennett stated that he travels that path all the time. He said he has almost been hit twice by

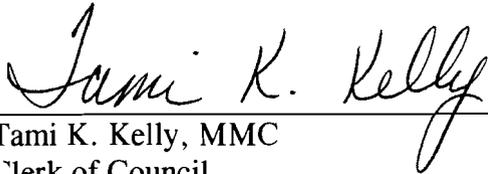
people not stopping at the sign. He, too, has spoken to the Chief and believes enforcement will be enhanced in the area, once the signs come out to protect the safety of everyone in the area.

3. Ms. Mary Helton, Safari Dr., commented that there are 19 children within a one block area of this intersection. She said this is not just a problem here, but at the park too. She asked for support in finding an alternative to this problem.

The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

1. Mayor Stage commented that Arts in the Alley and the Parade were great. He thanked everyone for all the help to make this event a success. He then showed a video about the City and the college partnership. He said the cost for the Gail Hogan video only cost \$300.00. He then showed a TV spot on the Balloon event.
2. Mr. Turner provided Council with a copy of the monthly financials.
3. After additional comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Ted A. Berry
President